

Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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Above left: Theresa Freund describing a new, energy-efficient cooler at Freund's Farm Market in East Canaan. Above right: an LED grow light in a greenhouse at White Flower Farm in Litchfield. Both projects are part of the farms' recent energy-efficiency initiatives.

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE OFFERS FARMERS RESOURCE FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

With the growing emergence of programs to help farms achieve energy efficiency, the Dept. of Agriculture is offering a new web-based resource to help steer farmers to the right program for them.

The Department's website, CTGrown.gov, now contains a page dedicated to linking farmers with both state and national programs to help achieve cost savings from energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

"The department encourages farms to pursue energy efficiencies that can improve their operations and hopefully their bottom line," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "And we also are committed to finding ways to implement these programs while converting as little prime and important farmland soils as possible."

The resource page can be found at <http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1366&Q=587088&PM=1> and its content is shown below:

CT Dept. of Agriculture Farm Viability Grants

The Farm Viability Grant is a competitive matching grant program open to municipalities, regional planning organizations, association of municipalities, and agricultural non-profits. The maximum grant award is \$49,999.

CT Dept. of Agriculture Farm Transition Grants

The Farm Transition Grant Program is a competitive

matching grant to strengthen the economic viability of Connecticut farmers and agricultural cooperatives. Producers and agriculture cooperatives applying for this grant may be awarded up to \$49,999 in matching funds.

Connecticut Farm Energy Program

The Connecticut Farm Energy Program (CFEP) serves as a resource and clearinghouse for information about on-farm energy opportunities, including grant opportunities, financial incentives, loans, audits, educational opportunities and events for agricultural producers and agricultural based small business located in Connecticut. CFEP works closely with Federal, State and local partners and they provide technical assistance in the form of grant writing to eligible Connecticut agricultural producers and small businesses.

Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut provides Connecticut consumers, businesses and communities the resources and information they need to make it easy to save energy and build a clean energy future. It is an initiative of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the state, and local electric and gas utilities. The initiative has funding support from a

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	55.00	59.50
boners 80-85% lean	52.00	59.00
lean 88-90% lean	42.00	48.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	97.00	103.00
Choice 2-3	92.50	97.00
Sel 1-2	88.00	96.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	88.00	90.00
Ch 2-3	84.00	85.00
Sel 1-2	80.00	83.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 2-3	96.00	99.00
Ch 2-3	89.00	94.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 110-128 lbs	97.00	105.00
No 1 94-108 lbs	110.00	117.00
No 1 90-92 lbs	80.00	80.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
60-70 lbs	185.00	200.00
70-80 lbs	175.00	210.00
80-90 lbs	165.00	187.00
90-110 lbs	150.00	175.00
110-130 lbs	155.00	177.00
130-150 lbs	150.00	155.00
150-200 lbs	140.00	140.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	70.00	90.00
160-200 lbs	60.00	85.00
200-300 lbs	40.00	77.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	135.00	160.00
80-100 lbs	175.00	200.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	170.00	200.00
130-180 lbs	170.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
80-100 lbs	180.00	205.00
100-150 lbs	190.00	220.00
150-250 lbs	265.00	275.00

DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS

Sold by the head.

FRESH COWS:		
SUPREME	1650.00	1700.00
APPROVED	1175.00	1575.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1200.00
BRED COWS (1-6 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	1050.00	1350.00
MEDIUM	600.00	750.00
SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	1200.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	800.00	1050.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1500.00	1675.00
APPROVED	1400.00	1500.00
MEDIUM	1050.00	1225.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	47.00	53.00
	200-300 lbs	61.00	64.00
	300-350 lbs	40.00	46.50
48-52	200-300 lbs	45.00	49.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	28.00	32.00
	500-800 lbs	32.00	42.00
Boars	200-350 lbs	20.00	21.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
APPLE, CORTLAND, XF, 72, 80, 88	31.00	32.00
APPLE, CORT, FCY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	16.00	18.00
APPLE, CORT, CTN, LOOSE	28.00	30.00
APPLES, HNEYCRISP, XF, 72, 80	72.00	72.00
APPLE, HNYCRISP, CTN, LOOSE	52.00	55.00
APPLES, MCINTOSH, LOOSE	25.00	26.00
APPLE, MC, FCY, 2-1/2MIN, 12-3LB	18.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 120, 140	18.00	18.00
APPLE, MACOUN, CTN, LOOSE	30.00	32.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEETS, GOLD, LOOSE, 25 LBS	12.00	12.00
BEETS, RED, LOOSE, 25 LBS	7.00	7.00
BROCCOLI, CROWN, TRIM, 20 LB	12.00	14.00
BROCCOLI, BUNCHED, 14	11.00	14.00
CABBAGE, 50 LBS	12.00	15.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, 50 LBS	15.00	15.00
CAULIFLOWER, FLTJKTPAK, 9	12.00	14.00
CAULIFLOWER, FLTJKTPAK, 12	16.00	16.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	21.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	22.50
COLLARDS, BUNCHED, 12	12.00	14.00
CORN, INDIAN, MINI, 12-3, 1/2 BU	28.00	30.00
CORN, INDIAN, 20-3, 1-1/9	38.00	40.00
CORN, INDIAN, 24-3, 1-1/9	48.00	50.00
CORN, STRAWB, MINI, 15-3, 1/2BU	28.00	30.00
CORN STALKS, 10/BUNDLE	4.00	5.00
CRANBERRIES, 24-12 OZ	28.00	28.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9, FANCY	15.00	15.00
EGGPLANT, THAI, 20 LBS	15.00	16.00
GOURDS, ORN, SHELLAC, 1/2BU	22.00	23.00
KALE, BUNCHED, 12	12.00	12.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB	21.00	22.00
PEPPERS, GREEN, 1-1/9	12.00	15.00
POTATOES, RED, 50 LBS	15.00	15.00
POTATOES, WHITE, 50 LBS	18.00	18.00
POTATO, YUKON GOLD, 50 LBS	20.00	20.00
RADISHES, 24 BUNCHES	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, ACORN, BUTNT, 1-1/9	12.00	15.00
SQUASH, ACORN, BUTNT, /LB	1.25	1.25
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9	12.00	15.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, 1-1/9	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9	12.00	15.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9	11.00	14.00
TOMATO, GHSE HEIRLM, 25 LB	23.00	28.00
TURNIPS, PURPLE TOP, 25 LBS	12.00	12.00
TURNIP, WHITE CAPE, 1-1/9	32.00	32.00

NEW ENGLAND WHOLESALE PUMPKINS

\$ per unit.

BIG MACK, BLUE, XL, 24" BIN	260.00	285.00
CNDERLA, OR, WT, XL, 24" BIN	260.00	285.00
FAIRYTALE, OR, WT, XL, 24" BIN	260.00	285.00
FAIRYTALE, SM, 1/2 BU	15.00	16.00
HOWDEN, ORNG, JMB, 36" BIN	180.00	225.00
HOWDEN, ORNG, XL-L, 36" BIN	170.00	225.00
HOWDEN, ORNG, M-L, 36" BIN	160.00	225.00
HOWDEN, ORNG, SM, 36" BIN	150.00	225.00
KNUCKLEHEAD, XL, 24" BIN	260.00	285.00
MINI, OR, WT, FLAT, RND, 1/2 BU	15.00	18.00
PIE, SMALL, 1-1/9	15.00	16.00
PIE, SMALL, 24" BIN	150.00	175.00
PIE, SMALL, 36" BIN	200.00	240.00
PIE, M-L, 36" BIN	250.00	300.00
SQUASH, WINTER, 1-1/9	20.00	20.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - October 24, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	15.00	20.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	32.00	35.00
91-105 lbs.	40.00	45.00
106 lbs. & up	47.50	49.50
Farm Calves	55.00	60.00
Starter Calves	22.00	26.00
Veal Calves	50.00	140.00
Open Heifers	67.50	120.00
Beef Heifers	95.00	130.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	100.00
Beef Steers	75.00	89.00
Stock Bulls	80.00	120.00
Beef Bulls	65.00	76.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	2@	.14/lb
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	20.00	30.00
Sheep each	85.00	140.00
Lambs each	115.00	210.00
Goats each	85.00	365.00
Kid Goats each	130.00	235.00
Canners	up to	55.00
Cutters	56.00	58.00
Utility Grade Cows	59.00	61.00
Rabbits each	6.00	15.00
Chickens each	3.00	17.00
Ducks each	6.00	12.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.57	.73
LARGE	.51	.65
MEDIUM	.38	.51

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.04	1.19
LARGE	.96	1.09
MEDIUM	.60	.72
SMALL	.38	.49

USDA- NORTHEAST RETAIL BEEF

Per unit. \$ per lb.

FILET MIGNON	7.99	7.99
BONE-IN STRIP STEAK	5.97	6.99
BNLS NY STRIP STEAK	6.88	6.88
SIRLOIN STEAK	4.99	4.99
BNLS SIRLOIN STEAK	3.97	5.99
SIRLOIN TIP ROAST	3.88	3.88
SIRLOIN TIP STEAK	3.88	3.88
TOP SIRLOIN STK, BNLS	3.99	3.99
TOP ROUND STEAK	3.48	3.99
RUMP ROAST	2.97	4.49
CHUCK ROAST	2.49	4.97
LONDON BROIL	2.78	3.99
BRISKET, FLAT	4.99	4.99
BEEF SHORT RIBS	4.99	4.99
FLANK STEAK	6.99	8.99
STEW MEAT	3.97	5.99
GROUND ROUND	2.98	3.29
GROUND CHUCK	2.99	3.99
GROUND SIRLOIN	3.99	4.99
GRND BEEF 90% PLUS	2.99	5.29
GROUND BEEF 80-89%	1.99	4.99



Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky visiting with (center) Dr. Katie Wilson, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services during a tour of Smyth's Trinity Farm in Enfield last week. Owned by siblings Anne Dugas (left) and Sam Smyth, the family-run farm processes all of their own milk and still offers home delivery. Smyth's Trinity Farm was named Connecticut Dairy Farm of the Year by the New England Green Pastures Program last month.

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

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3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

89-R. Beautiful winter squash, Acorn, Butternut, Spaghetti by the box or bin. East Windsor, Connecticut. Call Karl 860-268-5931 or Glenn 860-930-4331 to arrange pick up.

91-R. Rough sawn hemlock and pine lumber, great for fall time repairs and construction. Oak trailer decking and sideboards. Pine shiplap and Tongue & Groove perfect for barn siding. We welcome custom sawn orders. Custom furniture ranging from bar tops to outdoor furniture. Large inventory of live edge slabs. Hinman Lumber, Burlington, CT. 860-673-9170.

97-R. Truckload sale 1/2 bushel apple/peach baskets: \$2.00 each for 1000, \$3.00 each for 500. Doug 860-657-4172.

99-R. Lynn Blackmer, Nationwide Farm Master Certified Agent, Woodstock, CT. Farm, commercial, life insurance, and more. Cell: 860-377-8947 to see how Nationwide compares.

100-R. For Sale: Christmas greens, wreaths and roping. Many sizes and varieties. Excellent for fund raisers. 203-457-1344.

101-R. Wholesale Christmas trees. There are still Fraser, Balsam, and Canaan Firs available for 2016. Maple Lane Farms, 860-889-3766.

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charge on customer energy bills.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) On-Farm Energy Initiative

Financial assistance is available for site-specific energy analysis of eligible farmsteads and irrigation systems. This analysis, known as an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP), is completed by NRCS-certified Technical Service Providers. With a completed AgEMP or other qualifying energy audit, eligible producers can apply for EQIP assistance for the purchase and installation of improvements for:

Lighting; plate coolers, ventilation and fans; irrigation pumps; grain dryers; greenhouse improvements; maple syrup evaporators; heating and refrigeration units; insulation and building envelope sealing, and motor controls and variable speed drives.

USDA Rural Energy for America Program

Rural Development Energy Programs, authorized by the 2014 U.S. Farm Bill, offer funding to complete energy audits, provide renewable energy development assistance, make energy efficiency improvements and install renewable energy systems. Programs are offered that help convert older heating sources to cleaner technologies, produce advanced biofuels, install solar panels, build biorefineries, and much more.

102-R. Ion Insurance now offers Agri-Business insurance. For all of your personal and business needs, we've got you covered. Contact us today: loninsurance.com, 203-729-5261 or toll-free 800-801-8013.

106-R. For sale: Rye straw. Clean and bright. Call 203-484-0664.

110-R. Used 12' pressure treated fence posts. Quantity pricing. Call or text 860-559-3009 or 860-888-3798.

112. Front loader twin cylinder trip bucket. Fits John Deere Model M or similar. Tel. 860-668-7917.

113-R. Gasboy Model 1230 diesel pump. 10' hose with nozzle. \$75.00. Excellent condition Grotok. 860-460-9290.

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115-R. Screened or unscreened leaf compost in quantities from 5 to 5,000 cubic yards. Also screened topsoil and topsoil and topsoil/compost mix (50/50). We will custom blend on orders over 50 yards. Growers be sure to ask about discount for large volume users. We also carry a full line of landscape mulch, Premium and colored. Supreme Forest Products, Southington, CT 06489. 860-485-1636.

WANTED

105-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/softwood, especially sugar maple/white oak. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

111-R. Bulldozing in E. CT. Need water call Don Kemp. Will dig farm ponds any size. Lots of experience. 860-546-9500.

PROPOSALS BEING SOUGHT FOR PERMITS TO FARM ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS LOCATED AT STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

The Department of Agriculture, will accept agricultural crop permit proposals through October 31, 2016, from interested parties wishing to farm any of the following lands of the Connecticut Department of Correction:

- 43.4+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the Cheshire Correctional Institution, located off Highland Avenue and Jarvis Street in Cheshire, consisting of grass hayland on gently sloping to rolling lands.
- 10+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the former Gates Correctional Institution, located off North Bride Brook Road in Niantic, consisting of gently sloping croplands.
- 22.4+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the Enfield Correctional Institution and Osborn Correctional Institution, located off Shaker Road in Enfield and Bilton Road in Somers, consisting of grass hayland on gently sloping to rolling lands.
- 78.6+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the Enfield Correctional Institution and Osborn Correctional Institution, located off Taylor Road and Shaker Road in Enfield and Bilton Road in Somers, consisting of corn fields and grass hayland on gently sloping to rolling lands.

Proposals will be accepted on each of the parcels described above. Food and fiber producing agricultural activities (row crops, hay, fruits and vegetables, etc.) and their overall impact on the productivity and condition of

the land by the submitted proposals will be taken into consideration by the State. The selected permittees will be required to submit and utilize a soil conservation plan and follow best management practices for utilization of the land during the term of the agreement. The conservation plan should contain measures to minimize soil erosion and maintain the productivity of the land.

The permittee will be required to establish a permanent cover on the areas being actively farmed in accordance with the conservation plan, including at the end of the permit period.

In accordance with C.G.S. 22-6e, the permits are to be for a term of five years, with the option to renew for an additional five years at the discretion of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

The submission of proposals will not be binding on the State of Connecticut, nor does it constitute a competitive bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals not in the best interest(s) of the State of Connecticut.

Anyone wishing to submit a proposal must forward a completed Connecticut Department of Agriculture Permit Proposal Form for Agricultural Use of Vacant Public Land ("Permit Proposal Form"), plus any accompanying materials to: The Resource Preservation Unit, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Room G-8, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Proposals must be postmarked or hand-delivered by October 31, 2016. The Permit Proposal Form is available online at www.ctfarmlink.org.

Additional information and the parcel location map(s) are included with the Permit Proposal Form. If you are unable to access the internet, have any questions or need to request additional information, you may call (860) 713-2531 or email lance.shannon@ct.gov



An array of solar panels at Freund's Farm that were installed in an area of the farm approved by the Dept. of Agriculture as part of state's acquisition of the farm's development rights under its Farmland Preservation Program.

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